THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIG-VIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no proposal with the Government at present to increase excise duty on cement, steel and cigarettes.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The figures of excise duty collected on cement, steel, cigarettes and the percentage increase of the duty so collected, during the last three years is in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Excise duties collected and the percentage increase of the duty so collected on cement, cigarettes and Iron & Steel during last three years

Description	Excise duties collected 1987-88 (Rs. in crores)	Excise duties collected 1988-89 (Rs. in crores)	%age increase in duty in 1988-89 over 1987-88	Excise duty collected 1989-90 (Rs. in crores)	% age increase in duty in 1989-90 over 1988-89
Cement.	869. 84	898. 27	3. 26%	951. 35	5. 90%
Cigarette.. Iron	. 1470. 76	1599. 12	8. 72%	1924. 82	20. 36%
& Steel	630. 74	829. 60	31. 52%	1069. 51	28. 91%

Regulation of Lease/Vacation of Hired Premises on (he Guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India

977. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lease/vacation of premises hired by the nationalised banks are regulated in accordance with the guidelines iissued by the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Bank of India is not following these guidelines in Bombay; and

(c) if so, what are the details of cases, where owners have requested to increase the rent of premises in Bombay in accordance with the guidelines of the RBI and in how many cases the settlement has been made by the Bank of India in Bombay alongwith the details of increase in rent during the last 3 years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DE PUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIG-VUAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Acquisition of premises on lease/rental basis and other related aspects such as enhancement of rent, vacation of premises, renewal of lease etc., are matters of day to day operations of the bank's and decisions in this regard are taken by banks themselves on commercial considerations. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued in 1983 broad guidelines to all public sector banks regarding acquisition of premises on lease/ rental basis. These guidelines are meant for internal use of the banks and *inter alia* provide for evolving of a proper system for examining proposals for securing premises, the quantum of loans that could be grants to landlords as advanced, location of premises, period of lease, etc.

Bank of India has reported that it has also been following the guidelines of Reserve Bank of India in the matter. Details of premises in Bombay where increase in rent has been considered during the last 3 years by Bank of India are given in the annexed Statement.

Statement

Details of premises in Bombay where increase in rent has been considered during the last three years by Bank of India

S. No.	Branch	Earlier rent per month (Rupees)	Revised rent per month (Rupees)
1	Mahalaxmi	2, 950	5, 900
2	Mandvi	6, 675	18, 201
3	Parel	14, 493	17, 420
4	Gandhi Market.,	4, 612- 50	7, 380
5	Ghatkopar (West)	5, 460- 80	18, 538- 50
6	Santacruz	1, 200	33, 000
7	Sion	1, 825	20, 700
8	Versova.	11, 188	23, 414 85
9	Andheri (East)	455	2, 340

Export of Foodgrains to USSR

978. SHRT MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to export foodgrains to the USSR; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such a proposal, foodgrain-wise and its impact on our public distribution system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) Exports to USSR of commodities including foodgrains are generally hi terms of the Indo-Soviet Trade Protocols. The items and amounts to be exported are finalised having regard to the requirements of the USSR and the need, *inter-alia* to protect the interests of the domestic consumers in India.

Annual Rate of Inflation

979. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what was the annual rate of inflation on point to point basis from 1984-85 to 1989-90, year-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIG, VIJAY SINGH): The annual rate of inflation in terms of Wholesale Price Index (1981-82-100) from 1984-85 to 1989-90 is given below:

Year	Annual rate of inflation (on point to point basis)
1984-85.	60
1985-86.	4 8
1986-87.	5 1
1987-88.	10- 7
1988-89.	5-7
1989-90.	9 1

Repatriation of the deposits of Kuwaiti Evacuees

980. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have paid/pro. pose to pay the Kuwaiti evacuees the equivalent of Kuwaiti Deenars in rupees;